



**Clarence Park  
Community Kindergarten**

## June Newsletter

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### Curriculum

We have been very busy over the last few weeks!

The children continue to show interest in our Post Office area and have now sent their own letters home. This was great for supporting the children's fine motor skills, name writing, recall of their home address and road safety skills as we dropped our letter in the letterbox on Mills Street.

*We would love to hear about your child's experience receiving the letter so feel free to leave comments in our floorbook under week 4.*



Blotch the lizard has also been a focus at kindy with many children asking questions, observing and drawing pictures of him. We have displayed a few of the children's work samples and questions they posed on the back window.

We have explored colour mixing with various art mediums (acrylic paint and watercolours). Many children engaged in this experience and had so much to tell us about the colours they were able to make.



This week we have been immersed in sensory play with playdough, slime and a marine-themed seed sensory tray.



Feeling inspired by our artwork with Emily, we have also created our own self-portraits using black text and watercolour paint. This experience links strongly with the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) Outcome 1 as children develop knowledgeable and confident self-identities and feel a sense of belonging to their kindergarten.

### Health and Safety

As you may be aware from our recent whiteboard message, wet and soiled clothing are now being stored in our change area for hygiene and dignity reasons. If you noticed a purple 'change of clothes' slip in your parent pocket, please ensure you see a staff member and collect your child's clothing before leaving kindergarten. We appreciate your understanding.

Just a friendly reminder about keeping unwell children home from kindergarten to avoid the spread of germs. If your child shows signs of being unwell during their session, particularly a high temperature, coughing and a runny/blocked nose, we may ask they be collected early from kindy. If your child has experienced an upset tummy, they will need to wait at least 24 hours after their last vomit or loose bowel movement before they can return to kindy.

Please ensure all belongings, including clothing, lunchboxes/containers and wet weather gear is clearly labelled. Thank you!

## Pyjama Movie Night

We thought what better way to celebrate the end of term two and come together as a community than to host a Pyjama Movie Night on Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> of June from 6:00pm-7:30pm (Week 9).

Children (and adults if they wish) are encouraged to come in their pyjamas and bring their favourite teddy for the showing of two short movies. Children will be treated to popcorn, while the parents will be treated to wine tasting from Bleasdale Wines.

Our movie night will also be an opportunity to give back to our community by donating to the 'St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal'- see below for more information.

Please note, siblings are welcome to attend and official invitations will be put into your parent pockets closer to the date.

## Vinnies Winter Appeal

This year we are showing our support to those less fortunate in our local community by participating in the St Vincent De Paul Society's 'Winter Appeal Food Drive'. Families are encouraged to donate non-perishable food items such as tinned vegetables/fruit and soup, pre-packed food (such as pasta and rice), long-life milk and custard, tea and coffee, jams and spreads, baby food/formula and cordial/ long-life juice.

This may be a great opportunity to clean out some of the items in your pantry, ensuring they are still in date. Vouchers or gift cards for local supermarkets are also appreciated.

Coinciding with our food drive, the children will also receive a visit from Jayne Shortt (the Schools and Community Engagement Officer at St Vincent De Paul Society) on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> of June to talk about the work of Vinnies in our community to broaden their understanding of charity and how and why we help those in need.

**Donations can be dropped off at our PJ Movie Night (Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> of June).** Please speak to a staff member if you wish to donate items before this night, however please be mindful of our storage space. The closer to the 28<sup>th</sup> the better!



St Vincent de Paul Society  
*good works*

## Volunteers

We would like to say a big thank you to those families who helped make our Election Day BBQ a success. Our Governing Council members worked very hard to organise the fundraising event and the support from the community was outstanding!

Recently we celebrated National Volunteers Week by hosting a morning tea. We would like to thank those who attended and recognise those who have volunteered this year and were unable to attend due to prior commitments. Your efforts are appreciated!

We would also like to pay special mention to our most recent volunteers- Theresa (Asher's mum) for her hilarious puppet show, Simon (Milla's dad) for assembling and installing our new bench seat, Chris (Klara's dad) for fixing our literacy kit stand and Steven (Matilda's dad) for picking up/ dropping off our animals from the Nature Ed Centre.

At the beginning of the year, many parents indicated that they were interested in being involved in our program. If you are still interested in helping in some play, please talk to the staff. We would love to hear from you!



## Governing Council

Our next meeting is Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> of June at 6pm.

We welcome any other parents who would like to be involved.

## Upcoming Events

- On Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of June (Week 6), Susan (Harry's mum) is coming in to play music with the children
- On Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of June (Week 7), we are going to visit Black Forest Primary School and have a PE lesson with Mr Z. *Please arrive on time as we need to arrive at the school before 9:30am.*
- On Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> of June (Week 7), Yuka (Kaito's mum) is coming in to make sushi with the children. If you would like to learn how to make sushi you are welcome to stay and help.

## Reminders

- **Please keep all toys at home to prevent them from getting lost or broken**
- **Term 2 Kindergarten Fees are now due**

## Diary Dates

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> of June (Week 8)- Visit from Jayne Shortt (St Vincent De Pauls Society)

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> of June (Week 8)- Governing Council meeting 6pm

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of June (Week 9)- PJ Movie Night- 6pm- 7:30pm at Kindy/ Vinnie's Winter Appeal Collection



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